

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this RCE and Amendment and reconsideration of the pending claims. Claims 1-6, 8-15 and 23-28 are pending.

Claims 12 and 26 are amended to be in independent form as suggested in the Office Action so as to be allowable. Claims 13 and 27 depend from these claims and are also allowable. Notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 23 state “provide single frequency electromagnetic radiation” and “electromagnetic radiation within a single wavelength mode”, respectively. As noted in the Office Action Baer teaches the use of two discrete frequencies or modes. Applicant has endeavored to restrict the claim language to a single mode operation. As such, Applicant submits that the amended claim is allowable over the anticipation rejection.

With regard to the obviousness rejection, Applicant points out that the amended language addresses the “approximately” single mode reading of Baer by explicitly recitation. As such, the combination of the supporting cited references with Baer’s dual mode (or “approximately” single mode) device, would not likely result in the claimed (as amended) single mode device. Applicant submits that the amended claims are allowable over the combination of cited references. Notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

The remaining claims depend from allowable claims. Thus, they are also allowable.

Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited art. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant’s undersigned representative at the telephone number below. Any additional fees for the accompanying response are hereby petitioned for, and the Director is authorized to charge such fees as may be required to Deposit Account 07-0868.

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